

# *...our Bill of Rights*

**Amendment I** - Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

**Amendment II** - A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

**Amendment III** - No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

**Amendment IV** - The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

**Amendment V** - No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

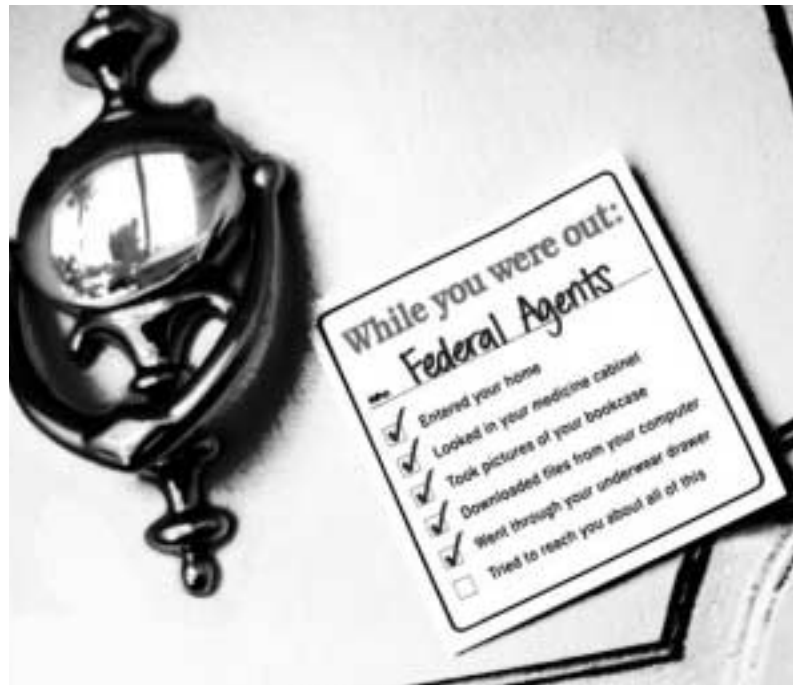
**Amendment VI** - In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

**Amendment VII** - In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

**Amendment VIII** - Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

**Amendment IX** - The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

**Amendment X** - The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.



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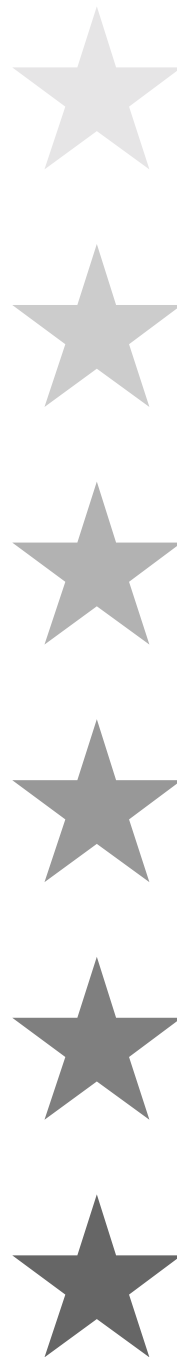
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In the aftermath of 9/11, the Congress hastily passed the **USA Patriot Act**. Unfortunately, many of our basic rights and freedoms were needlessly sacrificed and may be lost forever.

Now the government can **secretly enter your home**, rifle through your belongings, view and download your computer files and seize anything at will *without your permission or knowledge.*

The government can now collect personal information about you, including your private medical records and your reading and video tape viewing habits from stores and from your local library.

**Attorney General Ashcroft Wants More!** He is pushing for even more surveillance of US citizens and more government secrecy in Patriot II.

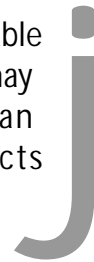


*“The 4th Amendment has been trashed!”*

*A Local Police Officer*

## How The USA PATRIOT Act Affects the Bill of Rights:

- ☆ Freedom of Association: The government may monitor religious and political groups **without suspecting criminal activity** to ‘assist’ in a terrorist investigation.
- ☆ Freedom of Speech: The government may **prosecute librarians if they tell anyone** that the government subpoenaed personal information about you.
- ☆ Freedom From Unreasonable Search: The Government may search and seize American Citizens’ papers and effects **without probable cause.**
- ☆ Right to Liberty: **American Citizens may be jailed without being charged** or being able to confront witnesses against them.
- ☆ Freedom of Information: The government has secretly detained hundreds without charges, and has encouraged bureaucrats to resist public records requests.
- ☆ Right to Legal Representation: The government may monitor federal prison jailhouse conversations between attorneys and clients, and **deny lawyers to American Citizens** accused of crimes.
- ☆ Right to a Speedy Public Trial: Government may **jail American Citizens indefinitely without a trial.**



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